

State Parks and Reservoirs Campground Host Summaries and Availability As of April 1, 2009

If you have an interest in serving as a campground host, the best time to call your favorite property and ask for information is between November 1 – March 1. By early spring, most host schedules are full. There are, however, some vacancies remaining for the 2009 camping season. You can read about the responsibilities of hosts at each location and see where openings still exist by reading through the list below.

Thanks for your interest in Indiana State Parks and Reservoirs Campground Host program!

Brookville/Whitewater Complex (765/647-2657)

Number of Host Sites: Four (One site at each Quakertown and Whitewater, and two sites at Mounds)

Duties: Check shower houses and pits in the assigned area for cleanliness and toilet paper, especially in the evening. Pick up trash in area. Clean out fire rings of trash after campers leave. Provide information, and be a friendly helpful "host" for area. Assist management as needed with campground registration.

Status for 2009: All slots filled for recreational season except: *Whitewater SP*: August 24 and after is available; *Quakertown SRA*: September 1 and after is available; *Mounds SRA*: July 20 and after (Class A site only. Class AA site is *full* for the recreation season)

Brown County State Park (812/988-6406)

Number of Sites: One VIP; no campground host

Duties: Painting and other simple maintenance tasks, staff the Nature/Interpretive Center, direct traffic at our campground registration booth, and clean rest rooms.

Status for 2009: Host Campsites are reserved

Chain O'Lakes State Park (260/636-2654)

Number of Host sites: Two

Length of Stay: 30-60 days, depending on the season

Duties: Typical duties are traffic control on Friday evenings and Saturday, provide toilet paper at comfort stations, clean up messes after hours, assist campers in need of help, help missing or lost children reunite with parents, deliver non-emergency messages and act as sounding board for camper comments, questions, and concerns.

Status for 2009: All slots filled for recreation season, but applications for future use are being accepted.

Charlestown State Park (812/256-5600)

Number of Host Sites: One

Length of Stay: Variable

Duties: Light restroom checking and cleaning, provide info to arrivals, assist camper registration, litter pick up, act as "information site" where campers can stop and ask questions.

Status for 2009: Host positions filled for season.

Clifty Falls State Park (812/273-8885)

Number of Host Sites: One

Length of stay: 30 days minimum with extensions possible April - November.

Duties: Check shower houses and pits in the assigned area for cleanliness and toilet paper, especially in the evening. Pick up trash in area. Clean out fire rings of trash after campers leave. Provide information, and be a friendly helpful "host" for area. Assist management as needed with campground registration.

Status for 2009: No additional assistance requested. We welcome applications for future opportunities.

Falls of the Ohio State Park (812/280-9970)

No campground on site; volunteers accepted as docents, gardeners and for a variety of special projects.

Fort Harrison State Park (317/591-0904)

No campground on site; volunteers accepted as docents, gardeners and for a variety of special projects.

Hardy Lake (812/794-3800)

Number of Hosts: Two

Length of Stay: One month with extensions possible from April 15-November 1

Duties: Clean out fire rings, move tables for the mowing crew, help with the raptor rehab center, help out with programs and boat tours, assist our staff in our gate houses as well as the office, help the security patrolman when needed, assist staff as needed in repairs and maintenances of the property, collect fees in campgrounds when gate is not open, act as our campground ambassadors and other duties as assigned.

Status for 2009: Hosts selected for 2009

Harmonie State Park (812/682-4821)

Number of Host Sites: two

Length of Stay: 2-4 weeks for Campground Hosts and VIP's two nights or longer

Duties: Our hosts and VIP's are required to be goodwill ambassadors, report camping infractions to security personnel, assist with traffic control on weekends at the gate. They do various maintenance tasks in the campground such as litter pickup, restroom and fire ring cleaning and assisting in staffing the nature/interpretive center. They will assist with special events and other special projects around the park.

Status for 2009: Hosts and VIP spots available for 2009.

Indiana Dunes State Park (219/926-1952)

Number of Host Sites: One

Length of Stay: One month, time extensions possible

Duties: At a minimum, clean out the fire rings once a week and be available in the campground on Friday and Saturday from 4pm-9pm. Other duties assigned as needed.

Status for 2009: Season filled.

Lieber SRA (Cagles Mill Lake) (765/795-4576)

Number of Host Sites: Two (one host, and one VIP)

Length of Stay: Variable; minimum one month and may extend through recreation season

Duties: Litter pickup, take/deliver messages, housekeeping, provide security, clean fire rings, make minor electrical repairs, traffic control, volunteer and staff visitor center, other duties as assigned.

Status for 2009: Hosts selected for 2009, VIP selected for 2009

Lincoln State Park (812/937-4710)

Number of Host Sites: Two currently; one may be used for nature programming this summer

Length of Stay: Minimum of two weeks, extensions possible

Duties: Pick up trash, replenish toilet paper in comfort stations, help with traffic, run messages, check on campground checkouts, other duties as assigned.

Status for 2009: Positions filled for 2009.

McCormick's Creek State Park (812/829-2235)

Number of Host Sites: Two

Length of Stay: One month required

Duties: General light labor in campground.

Status for 2009: All host positions are filled. Waiting list available.

Mississinewa Reservoir (765/473-6528)

Number of Host Sites: Two

Length of Stay: 1-2 months depending on quality of work and applicants

Duties: Provide informal security in the campground (be eyes and ears!). Make sure restrooms are kept clean and toilet paper rolls filled. Keep litter picked up. Provide information to the general public.

Assist and help employees when requested. Sometimes assist with special projects.

Status for 2009: Hosts selected for 2009; waiting list available.

Monroe Reservoir

No campground host program available; volunteers accepted for resource management, interpretive and other special projects.

Mounds State Park (765/642-6627)

Number of Host Sites: One

Length of Stay: 2-4 weeks

Duties: Provide information to campers, and relate their concerns to property staff. Assist with severe weather procedures, site electrical troubleshooting, and collect firewood left by campers. Check restrooms and vault toilet throughout day; provide mild cleaning, and alert staff if repairs are required. Provide litter pickup in campground, clear fire rings, sell firewood and ice when campstore is closed. Collect registration fees in absence of a patrolman or when campground control station is closed.

Status for 2009: Accepting applications - various periods.

O'Bannon Woods State Park

No campground host program available; may be available in 2010. Volunteers are accepted for resource management, interpretive and other special projects.

Ouabache State Park

Starting New Campground Host Program for 2009. Need applicants!

Number of Host Sites: One electric – site to be constructed in the spring of 2009 near South Comfort Station.

Length of Stay Required: One Month

Duties: Primary responsibility will be to sell firewood and collect wood fees. Other duties include, but are not limited to: campground information and assistance, routine checking of modern restrooms, litter pickup, checking and cleaning firerings, and other light maintenance duties as may be completed.

Status for 2009: Accepting applicants.

Patoka Lake (812/685-2447)**Number of Host Sites:** One**Length of Stay:** 2-4 weeks

Duties: As goodwill ambassadors, campground host to report camper issues and requests to proper DNR contact. Hosts answer camper questions and inform public of policies and procedures, check restrooms on a set schedule and alert us if anything needs immediate attention, perform some light maintenance as needed, provide litter pickup in campground. After campsite checkout, hosts assess the campsite for fire ring & general site maintenance. Hosts may be assist gatehouse staff as increased flow of traffic & camper registration needs. Also assist the Interpretive Naturalists with programs and special events and co-host at the Visitor Center. Volunteers also welcome as docents, gardeners and for a variety of special projects, programs and events.

Status for 2009: Applications welcome for June, July, August, September, & October 2009

Pokagon State Park (260/833-2012)

No campground host program available. Volunteers are accepted for resource management, interpretive and other special projects.

Potato Creek State Park (574/656-8186)**Number of Host Sites:** Two (one in the family campground; one in horse campground)**Length of Stay:** One month

Family Campground Duties: Service comfort stations (replacing toilet paper and cleaning up minor messes), assist campground attendants on Friday evenings, be visible and approachable to campers, pull site cards, pick up trash, host Friday, Saturday and Sunday and two other days of the week. No weekend hosting only permitted.

Horseman's Campground Duties: Service comfort station (replacing toilet paper and cleaning up minor messes), assist campground attendants on Friday evenings, be visible and approachable to campers, pull site cards, pick up trash, host Friday, Saturday and Sunday and two other days of the week. Weekend hosting only is also available

Family Campground Status for 2009: June - October - full

Horseman's Campground Status for 2009: Openings in horseman's campground for May - October. Weekend hosting only is also available

Prophetstown State Park (765/567-4919)**Length of stay:** One month to variable

Duties: Traffic control and assisting campers. Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays mandatory. Sell Firewood at site. Spot check comfort stations for cleanliness and supplies. Pick up trash in campground area. Be a model camper. Work with Security to ensure all have a pleasant camping experience.

Status for 2009: All months are filled. We are already accepting applications for 2010

Raccoon/Mansfield (765/344-1412)**Number of Host Sites:** One**Length of Stay:** Variable; Two weeks to one month

Duties: Volunteers perform light maintenance work around Raccoon SRA and Historic Mansfield Roller Mill that may include cleaning campground comfort stations & restocking as needed after hours, assisting and educating visitors at the campground dumpsters, litter pickup, minor maintenance such as painting, electrical or plumbing, weeding & watering flowerbeds at Chapel Shelter and entrance/campground gates, delivering messages as requested by gate attendants, assisting interpretive naturalist in updating information on bulletin boards, presenting interpretive programming or mailing press releases and other duties as assigned.

Status for 2009: Hosts selected for 2009

Roush Lake (260/468-2165)

Number of Host Sites: One in Kilsquah Campground. (Note: no electricity or water hookup; no modern restrooms.)

Length of Stay: 21 days

Duties: Pick up litter, greet visitors, clean fire rings, answer visitor questions, assist in gate if needed, other duties as assigned.

Status for 2009: Still seeking one host

Salamonie Reservoir (260/468-2125)

Number of Host Sites: Two modern; one horsemen's

Length of Stay: One month

Duties: We ask them to check & clean the bathrooms early AM and later PM. They contact us if they find any serious problems in the bathrooms. They pass out info and are also our eyes and ears in the campground. We are going to ask them to pick up and burn any firewood left behind by campers that have checked out of the campground.

Status for 2009: All campground host positions are filled except the one in the horse campground. Host **must** be a horse rider. Availability is from May through October. We have filled it for July.

Shakamak State Park (812/665-2158)

Number of Host Sites: One site

Length of stay: Month at a time or longer depending on demand.

Duties: Pick up trash, keep toilet paper in the bathrooms, provide campers with information and help campers as needed.

Status for 2009: Through out spring, summer and fall season; applications currently accepted.

Spring Mill State Park (812/849-4129)

Number of Host Sites: Two

Length of Stay: 1month minimum

Duties: Cleaning campsites and grills, serve as nature/interpretive center receptionist, assist campground gate on traffic control, clean shelters, etc. 22.5hours per week, per person required. **To reserve a VIP site at Spring Mill State Park contact Coletta Prewitt.

Status for 2009 1 site available for April and July

Summit Lake State Park (765/766-5873)

Number of Host sites: One

Length of Stay: one month

Duties: Our host meets and greets the campers, helps with electric problems, promotes the interpretive naturalist programs and checks restrooms. We also train them to help notify campers during severe weather and fire season. They make contact with campers who might not feel comfortable stopping a park truck to report a problem.

Status for 2009: Season filled.

Tippecanoe River State Park (574/946-3213)

Number of Host Sites: One

Length of Stay: 1month

Duties: Answer questions for campers, check comfort stations and do moderate cleaning, check and sweep pit toilets in the area, report problems, pull site cards from the family and horseman's campground, pick up trash and clean fire rings. Some campground hosts will rake in the spring and fall and help assist the campground gate attendant and will sell ice and firewood.

Status for 2009: Host site has been reserved.

Turkey Run/Shades State Park Complex (765/597-2654)

Number of Host Sites: One at Turkey Run; none at Shades

Length of Stay: 1 month, working a minimum of 20 hours per week per person staying in the site.

Duties: Answer camper questions, conduct site checks, run messages to campers, replenish toilet paper in campground restrooms, attend at least two interpretive programs and then promote interpretive programs to campers. Hosts are also invited to help staff the nature center desk, help with programs, and/or help with other volunteer projects that fit their interests and time.

Status for 2009: Turkey Run still needs hosts for August and October.

Versailles State Park (812/689-6424)

Number of Host sites: Two

Length of Stay: 1 to 6 months

Duties: Check comfort stations for cleanliness and toilet paper, pick up trash throughout campground, clean out trash from fire rings, provide information and be a good ambassador for campers.

Status for 2009: Hosts needed for June, July, August.

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